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Former Head of Mutual Life and Family, Who Arrived To-Day

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MR. AND MRS. R. A. MCCURDY.

MCCURDY BACK, BUT BRINGS NO HATCHET ALONG

Former Head of Mutual Life Says He Will Not Fight Peabody Faction.

ABODE AT MORRISTOWN

America Will Be His Home During the Remainder of His Life.

Richard A. McCurdy, the former President of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, who went to Europe after the exposures of the Armstrong Committee, saw the shores of the United States for the first time in nearly two years to-day from the decks of the Hamburg-American liner Amerika as the steamer neared New York. At his side on the way up the Narrows stood his wife, and just back of him his son, Robert H. McCurdy, and the son's wife. During the trip they had stayed closely in their rooms.

An Evening World reporter saw the ex-patriates in their suite on board the ship before she landed. For a man of his age, the senior McCurdy looked stout and rosy.

"Two years ago," he said, "I went abroad for my health. My health is now almost recovered and except for a severe cold, which I caught the day we sailed, I haven't felt better in a long time. I am glad to get home, for this is my home and hereafter it will always be."

Not to Make a Fight. "Let me say right here and now, on the threshold of New York, that it is not true that my purpose in returning is to seek to oust the Peabody interest from the control of the Mutual Life. I am seventy-three years old and I think I am old enough to retire from business. I shall never again take an active hand in affairs. We are going direct to our place in Morristown—all of us—and there we expect to stay."

"When I left here my physician said, 'Do not think of business until you have forgotten it; then you can think of it again. I have succeeded in forgetting it and now I don't want to think of it. I am not here to fight with anybody or against anybody. Let me make this plain—I brought no hatchet with me.'"

"We have been spending our summers in Southern France and our winters on the Riviera. Mrs. McCurdy was so troubled at one time with rheumatism that she had to ride about in an invalid's chair, but the reports of her illness as printed on this side were greatly exaggerated. She is now in excellent health, her rheumatism having almost disappeared."

Several members of the McCurdy family who stayed on in this country after the life insurance exposures came out, met the four at the dock. The returning McCurdys entered cabs and were at once driven away.

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SZECHENYI GETS NOT A DOLLAR OF VANDERBILT CASH

Fortunes of the Hungarian Count and His American Bride Will Remain Under Separate Control of Each.

IF NO ISSUE AT HER DEATH MONEY RETURNS TO FAMILY.

All the Vanderbilts Will Be at the Wedding, but It Is Not Known Who Will Give the Bride Away Because of Cornelius's Objection to the Marriage.

Not one penny of the Vanderbilt millions will pass into the possession of Count Szechenyi, of Hungary, when Miss Gladys Vanderbilt becomes his wife on Monday.

From an unimpeachable source The Evening World learns to-day that the marriage contract, which was drawn up, signed and witnessed two days ago, contains not one sentence relating to the bestowal of a dot, and in this respect is a unique document in the history of international marriage.

In itself the contract is not bulky. It contains not more than a dozen provisions. These are drawn up by the lawyers of both the contracting parties to comply with the laws of Hungary, of which country Miss Vanderbilt will, upon her marriage, become a subject.

The question of issue is gone into at great length and upon this point the provisions of the contract have remained an inviolable secret, known only to the immediate family.

Vanderbilt Fortune May Return to Family.

The question of the disposal of the two fortunes of the Count and Countess, in the event of the death of either of them, is also gone into and, it is understood, in case there should be no children of the marriage, the Vanderbilt fortune will revert to the immediate Vanderbilt succession.

A reporter for The Evening World to-day asked Morris Cukor, attorney for the Count, if the story of the contents of the document which his informant had furnished was correct.

Count's Counsel Won't Talk. Mr. Cukor declined to discuss the subject and explained that both families wished nothing to become public regarding the contract.

On being pressed, however, he refused to deny that the synopsis of the testament as shown to him was true.

"I can say nothing," said Mr. Cukor; "that is the only answer I can give."

The Vanderbilt family, it was announced to-day, have agreed to patch up their differences for the wedding. Despite published reports to the contrary, all the members of the family who can be will be there. Although Cornelius has not been near the house since the arrival of the Hungarian nobleman, he will be at the wedding.

Who Will Give Bride Away? Who will give the bride away is a question not yet even at the eleventh hour finally decided. Upon Cornelius, as the head of the family, this part of the ceremony would naturally devolve. There is a hitch, however, over his undivided objection to the marriage.

All that Anderson & Anderson, attorneys for the Vanderbilts, and Morris Cukor, the Count's legal adviser, would say to-day was that the American public would never learn through any of the Vanderbilts or the Count's relations just how the income from the two vast estates of the contract parties have been divided.

From another source it was learned that there was no truth in the rumors that the Vanderbilt family had split into two sections over the wedding. It was said that Cornelius had agreed to yield to his mother's pleadings and represent the family at the ceremony.

Count Peter, the brother of the bridegroom, will not be at the wedding, but that is accounted for by his representatives, who say that he has to remain in Hungary, where his wife is critically ill.

Will Become Hungarian Subject.

The Countess Szechenyi will be received in Hungary as a foreigner. She will only enter the charmed inner circles of Hungarian society, however, as a Hungarian subject, which she becomes on her marriage. Her American affiliations will have to be cast behind and from the time she sets foot in Europe she will be a Hungarian woman to all intents and purposes.

The laws of Hungary do not permit of the ownership of property by the wife, so that in more ways than one the marriage contract upsets all previous conventions. Fears have been

HUMMEL TO TELL ABOUT AFFIDAVIT OF EVELYN THAW

Slayer's Wife Satisfied With Way Trial Is Going—Receives No Large Sums of Money From Family, She Says.

It is now practically certain that Abe Hummel, the disbarred lawyer, will be brought next week from Blackwell's Island, where he is now serving a twelve months' sentence, to repeat in the second trial of Harry Thaw the startling testimony which he gave for the first time nearly a year ago.

It develops that last week Thaw's lawyer, Martin W. Littleton, asked the consent of the District Attorney for the reading of the evidence given in the other hearing of the Stanford White murder case by Dr. John A. Bingham, the family physician of the Thaws, who was ill of pneumonia at his home in Pittsburgh.

"I will agree to have Bingham's testimony read if you will agree to have Abe Hummel's testimony read," said Jerome.

"I won't do that," Littleton is reported to have said. "I will bring Dr. Bingham here from his sick bed."

"And I," said Jerome, "will bring Abe Hummel here from his sick bed in the penitentiary hospital."

Dr. Bingham, now almost recovered, will reach New York to-morrow. Monday he is to tell of Thaw's sickness in infancy and his peculiar conduct as a boy. This is in line with the plan of the defense to show Thaw was mentally weak from birth.

To Tell of Affidavit. When the defense rests Jerome will offer as a witness in rebuttal the disbarred lawyer. Apparently his object will be to have Hummel contradict parts of the story of Harry Thaw's wife, but in reality his object will be to get to the present jury Hummel's own account of the famous affidavit which he swears Evelyn Nesbit made at his office in the fall of 1903, after her first trip to Europe with Harry K. Thaw—the affidavit in which she is quoted as saying that Thaw practically kidnapped her, that he was a victim of drug habits and that he made a practice of beating her with a dog whip, until she was mentally and physically prostrated during a great part of her wanderings over the continent with the man she afterward married.

Thaw's wife was not a bit disconcerted at the prospect of Hummel's counter testimony when she reached the Tribune on her regular daily visit to Murderers' Row.

"The trial is going along exactly right," she said to a reporter for The Evening World, "and even if it wasn't, what would be the use of pulling a wry face?"

Courts Fair Criticism.

"This time last year, when I knew less about criminal courts than I do now, I was worried by a lot of things that seemed to me to be wrong. Now I know that lawyers know their own business best. I have learned, too, something about the way newspapermen go at their work in a big trial.

"I don't mind a fair, unbiased account of the proceedings, no matter if I am criticized, but I do object to some of the wild stories that are printed about me. I must say also that I do not care particularly for some of the names the women writers have called me. One of them said the other day that I was a woman without a soul. I wonder if her own past would stand a strict analytical test, and if she would look then as white as she now appears."

"It has been said that I have got large sums of money from Harry's people. That is a lie. I have not a cent of my own, and I am just as happy without it as I would be with it."

"Another writer said that I married Thaw for his money. I would have married him long before I did, if the matter of wealth had not stood between us. I like the good things of life, I confess. I am fond of good things to eat and to wear. I like canvasback duck, for example, but if I cannot get

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JAYSTOWN SAFE, BUT HAD WILD TIME.

(Special to The Evening World.) NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 25.—The Old Dominion liner Jamestown, out from New York with fifty passengers, arrived here at 2:30 A. M. to-day, sixteen hours later, after a terrific experience in yesterday's coast storm. It was loaded with thirty times the normal cargo.

Her decks were constantly awash and she was engulfed in a towering sea and rendered unconscious.

The passengers, although greatly frightened, had to keep to their berths, being unable to stand owing to the violent pitching of the vessel. To-day twenty large fish were found stuck fast in the meshes of the upper net.

GAMBLING RAID BY CAPTAIN OF BIG OCEAN LINER

Breaks Up Game on Amerika and Puts Players Out of Smoking Room.

Aside from the terrific gale which the Hamburg-American liner Amerika encountered yesterday passengers on that vessel, which docked to-day, discussed the raid Capt. Knuth made on a poker game Thursday afternoon.

For months the transatlantic lines have made a concerted move to squelch the professional gambling that has been a source of annoyance for years. Signs have been placed in the smoking-rooms and other conspicuous places on the ships to beware of gamblers, and persons suspected to belong to groups of these swindlers have been warned to remain away from any games played.

Repeated complaints were made to Capt. Knuth that passengers had lost large sums of money. Thursday evening the Captain entered the smoking room and found J. H. Macauliffe, a one-armed man; H. C. Brackett and two other passengers in a game.

"Here, you fellows, cut this out at once," he shouted at the top of his voice. "I'm tired of this professional gambling. My master of this vessel and you'll have to stop it at once. You see that sign? Well, that means you're out."

The captain's mandatory tones spread consternation through the room, but he broke up the game.

Count Dentle Frasso, who was aboard the vessel with his wife, formerly Miss Wins, suspected to belong to groups of these swindlers, was also a victim of the gamblers, and the extent of several hundred. Both re-

fused to discuss Capt. Knuth's strenuous action.

"Count Frasso is a gentleman," said Mr. Brackett, "and of course he will not mention such a trivial thing as the amount he lost. I have nothing to say in the matter at all."

Mrs. R. C. Penfield reported the loss of a \$50 pair of earrings on the trip over. She told Capt. Knuth that she lost the jewels while on the way from her stateroom to the hairdresser's room. Her husband, who has an office at No. 29 Courtlandt street, offered \$200 reward for the return of the jewels, but was disappointed. The couple live at Riverside Drive and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street.

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ANNA M'GEE, AS FAVORITE, WINS OPENING RACE

Big Feature of City Park Is Meeting of Jack Atkin and Chapultepec.

(Special to The Evening World.) NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 25.—The City Park track did not dry out as much as had been anticipated and was still somewhat slow this afternoon and with a promise of rain in the air. The stake race brought Jack Atkin and Chapultepec together again under a weight arrangement that gave Jack Atkin an advantage of seven pounds as against the conditions of their meeting in the Merchants' Handicap.

J. W. Fuller's Brooklyn Handicap winner, Tokalon, was a starter, making her first appearance of the winter, and she was well supported.

The two-year-old race, which opened the program, was one of keen interest. Anne Macfie, on the strength of her good race against Marze Abe, being heavily supported. For a long distance event there was the last race of the card, the seventh, to-day, under selling conditions, which brought out a well balanced field. Scratches were very few, the only declarations being Tomason, from the stake, Tinker, Billie and Bucking Boy from the fifth, and Horseradish, Creel and Amber Jack from the last.

FIRST RACE—Purse, \$400; for two-year-olds; 3 furlongs.—Anne Macfie, 112 (C. Koerner), 9 to 5, 4 to 5 and 2 to 5, won by two lengths. Lady Chilton, 100 (G. Swain), 12 to 1, 5 to 1 and 5 to 2, second. Craftsman, 108 (V. Powers), 5 to 1, 2 to 1 and even, third. Time, 36 2-5.

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DYNAMITE EXPLODED BY FIRE SHAKES TOWN.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 25.—Five hundred pounds of dynamite in a box car at the mining town of Hocking exploded during a fire which started in a mining company's store early to-day.

Five men were injured and \$60,000 worth of property destroyed. The shock was felt for five miles. At Abbia, two miles distant, windows were broken.

The fire started from an unknown cause in the store of the Hawking Supply Company, a frame building containing stock worth \$40,000. On a side track nearby was a string of box cars, one of them containing 500 pounds of dynamite. The flames jumped to the dynamite and the dynamite exploded with a deafening roar. The cars were demolished and the trucks and rails were driven into the ground for four feet.

Flying pieces of timber struck a number of people in the crowd that was watching the fire. Chimneys were knocked from twenty-five houses.

Another string of box cars on a siding 100 feet away were demolished by the explosion. Miners fought the flames, even when they knew the dynamite was in the car next to the fire and that an explosion was likely to occur at any time.

Wasserman and Mara are both being dismissed from the department if found guilty.

WASSERMAN UP FOR ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE, MARA FOR LYING.

Sergt. Joseph E. Wasserman, right-hand bower of County Detective Eddie Reardon, in District Attorney Jerome's raiding squad, was to-day placed on trial at Police Headquarters for being absent without leave and refusing to admit a police sergeant to examine him.

Deputy Commissioner Baker, who recently succeeded Arthur O'Keefe, acted as trial judge.

When the witnesses in the Police Commissioner's charges against Wasserman were called forward to be sworn almost everybody in the courtroom moved forward to see the policemen and civilians are under subpoena.

Policeman John Mara, another of the Reardon squad, was tried to-day. The charge against him was that he had falsely arrested Charles S. Meyer, and also that of giving false testimony to a superior officer. At the conclusion of the trial Deputy Baker reserved decision and said he would first report his findings to Gen. Bingham.

The chief witness against Mara was Meyer himself, who lives at No. 3 East One Hundred and Fourteenth street. He is in the fur business, wears glasses, and has the appearance of a well-to-do merchant. He is forty years old.

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REARERS CALLED TO FACE CHARGES

Mara acknowledged on the stand that he used to be a mistake in his identification of Meyer as a Bowery character, but said it was an honest one. He denied hearing Meyer say that he was a well-to-do merchant. He is forty years old.

When the evidence brought out to-day it appears that Meyer was sent to the court to find a lawyer named Levine, and according to the former's testimony he reached the front of the court building just as Reardon was kicking a woman. When he interfered he was arrested by Reardon, over-charged with being the assaulter of the woman, Meyer swore.

Mara told Magistrate White that two years ago he had arrested Meyer on the Bowery for striking a woman. Meyer was fined \$10.

Reardon testified to-day that he had never met Mara until the day of Meyer's arrest, an admitted fact that was through his suggestion to the District Attorney that he was detailed to the raiding staff.

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The Panic Is Over!

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